Scott was first detected on 6th December 2000 and again from 12—16 January 2001.

The Government regards the operation by the US and UK Naval Vessels within the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) as violation of the United Nations Convention on the laws of the Sea III (UNCLOS III) and the Indian Maritime Zone Act 1997 as its prior approval was not obtaind for conducting such operations. Protests have been lodged with both the concerned Governments and it has been conveyed that such activities without prior approval will not be permitted in the Indian EEZ.

Patrolling in Indian Ocean by Russian Warships

3661. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russian warships will patrol the Indian Ocean for the first time in almost a decade in order to project Russian Power and deter potential therets on all the world oceans;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have accorded necessary permission?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Samba Spying Case

3662. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken in the light of Delhi High Court ruling on the so called Samba Spying case exonerating all the nine Officers to compensate them for the ordeals including prolonged jail terms suffered by them and their families and to give justice to them; and

(b) what action has been taken against the Officers found responsible for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Special Leave Petitions have filed in the Supreme